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LABOR MUST HELP THE WORKING FARMER

OUTLAND ANNOUNCES PLATFORM IN FIGHT FOR CONGRESS SEAT

Dr. George E. Outland of Santa Barbara, announced recently that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the newly formed 11th Congressional District. At a meeting of the representatives of the County Democratic Central Committee of the new district (Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties) held at Santa Maria April 26, Dr. Outland received the official endorsement of the delegates.



GEORGE E. OUTLAND
Candidate for Congress in 11th District (Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties). Outland has been officially endorsed by the 4-county Democratic central committee organization.

NATIVE OF 11TH DISTRICT

Dr. Outland is a native of this district, having been born in Santa Paula in 1906. He was educated in the public schools of Santa Paula, attended Whittier College, and received graduate degrees from Harvard and Yale universities. He spent eight years in social service and government work, both on the east coast and in Los Angeles, and in 1937 was appointed to the faculty of the social science department of Santa Barbara State College. Dr. Outland has specialized in the fields of international relations, social relations, and economics. His writings on youth problems are known throughout the country.

ANNOUNCES PLATFORM

Dr. Outland today issues the following statement: "The essential points in my platform are as follows: **1. Winning the war.** All other issues must be subordinated to bringing the present conflict to a speedy and successful conclusion. **2. Winning the peace.** With the Atlantic Charter of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill as the starting point, the successful termination of the war must be followed by a just and equitable international settlement which will prevent such a catastrophe from ever occuring again. **3. Preserving democratic gains during the war.** Using the war emergency as a pretext, certain selfish interests are attempting to sabotage the social gains that have been made during the past ten years; this must not be permitted to continue. While we are fighting for democracy on foreign battle fields we must preserve it at home. **4. Equality of sacrifice.** Sacrifices are clearly indispensable to an all-out war effort. We must shoulder the burden with fortitude and courage. However, every precaution must be taken to assure equality of sacrifice. **5. Unity behind the President.** This is especially important in war time and is essential in both foreign and domestic policy. **6. Adequate representation of all groups in the district** is fundamental. I would attempt to the best of my ability to represent fairly and impartially agriculture, industry, labor and all other elements among my constituents."

Accident records show the thinking driver never drinks and indicate the drinking driver never thinks.

'BUY A BOMB' DONATIONS



Donations to date to the "Buy A Bomb for a Bomber" fund are as follows.

Central Labor Council	$25.00
Carpenters 925	10.00
Laborers 272	10.00
Culinary Alliance 467	5.00
Painters 1104	5.00
Barbers 827	2.50
Labor News	1.00
Loyal Order of Moose	5.00
Individuals, (reported)	15.00
Members, 925 (reported)	83.50
Allen Lang, 925	1.00
George Harter, 925	1.00
Amos Williams, 925	1.00
G. R. Enney, 925	1.00
E. A. Mann, 925	1.00
Members, 272 (reported)	3.00
Members, Typos (reported)	1.00
Members, Painters (reported)	1.00
C. M. Smith, Teamsters	1.00
Picked up in cans	183,71
Total	$366.71

(Total based on incomplete returns and is not detailed or necessarily accurate).

Still Growing 'Buy a Bomb' Fund $366.71

Salinas, California.

It's still growing—the "Buy a Bomb for a Bomber" fund continued its upward trend last week with the addition of nearly $50 reported for the week.

And collections are not completed even yet, although the campaign was expected to be ended last week, Chairman Guy Paulson of the committee sponsoring the drive reports.

Paulson announced that the fund stood at $366.71, officially as of last Friday night, all the money being in the three local banks which have co-operated so well with the campaign. Several clubs and civic organizations, however, have asked to be allowed to make donations.

BANKS PRAISED

High praise went to the local banks for their support of the campaign. The bank funds stood as follows last weekend: Bank of America, $217.31; Salinas National Bank, $43.10, and Monterey County Bank, $106.30.

Praise went also to the Salinas Index-Journal for its support of the drive in its early stages, support given despite a misunderstanding which developed over publicity.

All individuals and organizations who co-operated by giving outright donations of $1.00 or more were listed from time to time in newspaper articles of the campaign. A list of union donations is included in this paper.

MORE DONATIONS

Ray Chinn, of the Chinese organizations, and the Salinas Lions Club have been reported as anxious to get donations to the fund before the campaign officially ends.

Paulson suggested that, although the cans placed for small public donations have been collected, the campaign will be continued for a few more days to get all donations in.

Some sort of a ceremony will be prepared for the presentation of the sum collected to the Government. A request will be made that one of the bombs which is destined for Tokio be marked "With best wishes from Salinas."

The entire sum collected will go to buying the Salinas bomb. There were no expenses, all services being donated. Printing came from Roy Owens and cans were donated by Raeder Canning Company.

The cemetery is filled with motorists who thought the sign STOP merely meant slow down.

Per Capita Plan Before Monterey Council Tuesday

Monterey, California.

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at the Bartenders Hall, (8 p.m.) will be one of the most important sessions of the body in recent months.

A plan for a change in collection of per capita tax to provide better financing for the council will be up for consideration.

All unions are urged to have their delegates present with instructions on the wishes of the locals in the per capita tax plan, which has been explained in detail to local unions.

International Man Assists Culinary In Negotiations

Salinas, California.

International Representative Cowan was in Salinas last weekend to assist Culinary Alliance 467 in negotiations for wage increases, which are hoped to bring up the wage standard of culinary workers here to a level comparable with that of other workers.

Cowan and Dorothy Johns, business agent of Local 467, had been in close touch with the Restaurant Owners Association and hoped to have the wage matter adjusted by the end of this week.

Several special meetings were to be held by the union, including three Monday, to accept or reject counter proposals of employers, proposals based on the gains received at Monterey when the contracts were negotiated there a few weeks ago.

Brother Cowan appeared before the labor council to explain the situation last week and declared it may be necessary to call for a federal conciliator to settle the wage issue without economic action.

Activity Reported At Carpenter Meet

Salinas, California.

Activities of carpenters and building tradesmen in the Salinas area were reviewed by Carpenters Union 925 at their meeting last week, Business Agent Lou Koch making the reports.

New work at the Jap camp at the rodeo grounds was reported as were the various defense projects in the area.

Business included routine matters, with five initiations and one clearance accepted. Final report of the "Buy a Bomb" committee was well received, and showed Carpenters Union 925 as the most patriotic of unions, having given more than all other unions combined.

Carpenter Scale Of $11 Per Day Started May 1

Salinas, California.

Carpenters of Salinas Local 925 started receiving their new wage scale of $11.00 per day on the first of this month, Business Agent Lou Koch reports.

The new scale applies to all work in the vicinity, including defense work on the Permanente Metals Corporation projects, he said.

Cannery Workers Consider Union In Salinas Area

Salinas, California.

Cannery workers in the Salinas area, including those of the Raeder plant, are considering a new union, the San Jose Cannery Workers Union, as bargaining agency, it was reported this week.

The crews of the Raeder plant have had their own local, federally chartered, for several years, but reportedly now are considering merger with the larger San Jose group.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "One more little snifter boys and we'll get out the old bus and head for home!"

Many Sections To Try Growing Guayule Plants

Salinas, California.

Over 100 districts in the United States will have trial plantings of guayule, sometimes called "Salinas Rubber," according to word received from Fred S. McCargar, secretary of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce.

These small acreages are to be located in Texas at Rio Grande, San Antonio, Del Rio, Balamorhea, Carrizo Springs, Presidio, Balantine, San Angelo, Kingsville, Eagle Pass, Fort Stockton, Pecos, Lubbock, Pearsall and El Paso; in Arizona at Artesia, Cochise, Sonoita, Robles, Cortaro, Coolidge, Hassayampa, Gila Bend, Parker, Salome, San Simon, Patagonia, Vail, Sells, Whiteriver, Marinette, Gillespie, Wellton, and Yuma; in New Mexico at Loving, Roswell, Deming, Artesia, and Las Cruces, and in California at the Bard Experimental Farm, Coachella, El Centro, Banning, Palmdale, Shafter, Mendota, Hemet, Riverside, Little Rock, Dos Palos, Coalinga, Gerber, Willows, Davis, Pleasanton and at Bard along the All American Canal.

750 ACRES SEEDED

These plantings are under the direction of Dr. W. G. McGinnis of the Southwest Forest District. 750 acres at Salinas are being devoted to nurseries where five hundred million seedlings will be grown to be transplanted to from 45,000 to 50,000 field acres in 1943.

In addition, various experimental plantings are being tried under the Dr. Spence plan of sowing the seed thick and harvesting this fall and also under the Lee plan of sowing the seed and thinning the young plants just as is done with lettuce. The seed collecting system is being completely revised and it is hoped to have sufficient seed to plant several hundred thousand acres under the Spence plan in 1943, if the plan proves feasible.

PROJECT WELL ALONG

The bill, authorizing the United States Department of Agriculture to take over the properties of the Intercontinental Rubber Company, was signed on March 5th by President Roosevelt. In less than 6 weeks the United States Forest Service has completed planting of the entire nursery stock, completed a housing unit for 1,000 men, completed nurseries with over 1,000 miles of wooden rails on which to operate the equipment, has installed over 100 miles of over-head watering systems and over 50 miles of underground water mains, has built dozens of buildings and has treated 22,000 pounds of guayule rubber seed and planted 11,400 seed beds 4 feet wide by 400 feet long.

Bauer Speaks To Monterey Labor Council

Monterey, California.

Kaspar Bauer, president of the Santa Cruz Labor Council and international representative for the Butchers Union, addressed the Monterey Peninsula Labor Council here last week.

Bauer, a special guest of the council, spoke at length on the general labor situation in the current war year. Asked specifically about his ideas on per capita tax for labor councils, Bauer gave a resume of the Santa Cruz Labor Council financing, which has been successful in past years.

The talk by Brother Bauer was well received and he was given a heartfelt invitation to return at his earliest possible convenience to visit or address the body again.

Fish Butchers In Union Move

Monterey, California.

Fish butchers in Monterey are getting union minded rapidly, prodded slightly by International Representative Kaspar Bauer of the Butchers Union.

Bauer reports that Japanese fish butchers in the past had defied unionization and had prevented full signup along the Monterey waterfront.

With the Japs now moved away, Bauer reported that seven fish butchers were admitted to the union and initiated last week by the Monterey local.

West Essentially Farm Region; Real Farmer, Just Like Small Businessman, Needs Your Help

Statement by EDWARD D. VANDELEUR, Secretary, California State Federation of Labor

In the last issue of the "News Letter" the plight of the small business man was outlined and his need of labor's support stressed. This article brought many letters of approval to the office of the Federation. In this issue of the "News Letter" we should like to deal with another group which, in our opinion, is just as worthy of labor's support and understanding, and that is the farmer. By the farmer we mean the man who works his own soil, and not some absentee owner who controls the land because he happens to be a banker.

Before going into the difficult position of the farmer it is important to point out that in spite of our awareness of the large shipyards, the sprawling aircraft plants, the giant pulp and paper mills of the Pacific Northwest, the Far West is essentially a region of small business, and that the general prosperity of the whole is indivisibly tied up with the welfare of small business.

Nineteen thirty-nine Census figures reveal the striking fact that 95 per cent of all manufacturing enterprises in the Pacific Coast states are comprised of small firms employing 100 or fewer persons. Between June 1940 and January 1942, the employment gain in all non-agricultural establishments in California was 23.3 per cent. To fill out the picture, however, it is necessary to emphasize that the big defense plants have been pulling workers away from the small business firms, especially those in small towns and rural areas.

The small businessman in the rural and small-town areas in California is facing destruction not only by priorities but by the loss of skilled labor. The farmer in particular is feeling keenly the pinch of the lack of labor, skilled as well as unskilled. Formerly the biggest social problem in California's agriculture was the out of state migratory worker. With the boom of war industry these workers began and are continuing to desert the farm, and with it the farmer who, in California depends more than his colleague in other states upon migratory harvest labor and now finds himself in a deeper economic quandary than ever before.

The movement from the farm to the city and into the Army is placing the small farmer, especially the dirt farmer, in a most disastrous condition. Even the labor of members of his family is being denied him because of the war. While the large farmer, because of his greater resources in terms of heavy duty equipment, his ability to pay higher wages and offer better employment conditions, is able to meet the impending trials with some assurance, the hard working farmer can see no way out. And this is the man who is deserving of labor's consideration because in most basic respects they have much more in common than is ordinarily assumed.

That the small farmer is really feeling the pressure of recent developments and is hit the hardest is borne out by a recent report of the United States Department of Agriculture to the effect that the decreased employment on the farm was "entirely in farm family labor." The department also said: "The decrease in employment as compared with April 1 last year was confined almost entirely to the West South Central States."

It is only too true that the average farm worker has enjoyed few if any of the benefits which the industrial worker shares. The farm worker is not cared for by state compensation, wages are lower, housing facilities inadequate and stability of employment extremely limited. Federal, state, or both housing projects, regulation of labor supply through governmental assistance are only a few of the measures which can help to solve this problem of labor shortage on the farm, and these are measures which labor can and must support for its own interests.

The matter of cheap power facilities and adjusted utility costs should also be supported as a real help to the working farmer. In California, the Central Valley Project offers such a contribution and the monopolistic power interests must be kept from taking it over at the expense of the farmer.

Realizing the farmer's need, and always eager to solidarize itself with the family-type and dirt farmer, the California State Federation of Labor anticipated the labor shortage which was developing and has let it be known that no dues or initiation fees would be asked of the high school students who are ready to help the farmer pick his crops this year. Labor, the Federation was careful to point out, would not only not interfere, but would help to eliminate obstacles in the harvesting of crops which is important not to the farmer alone, but to the country's war effort.

The California State Federation of Labor is firmly of the opinion that the farmer who receives this cooperation from labor will not forget labor when its turn comes and it is in need of help. The working farmer and labor are natural allies. They have a community of interest, and it is to their mutual benefit as well as to the advantage of the country as a whole that they come together and help one another. There is no other way: Labor and the farmer must clasp hands in resolute trust.

Painters' By-Laws Win International Official Approval

Salinas, California.

The new by-laws of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas were given official approval by the Painters International recently and were returned to the local to be put into effect.

One minor change was recommended by the international headquarters, according to Secretary Dennis Hartman of the local.

Hartman reported that Acting Business Agent W. M. Bell has cleared out of the local and a new representative and financial secretary will be elected.

In Union Circles

MONTEREY

More labor council meetings like that of May 5, where Kaspar Bauer was the speaker and gave an excellent talk, are being clamored for by council delegates.

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Barbers Union 896 held a routine meeting last week. Discussions were general and brief.

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Cannery Row won't seem the same without Neva Davis, who is resigning as recording secretary of Fish Cannery Workers Union and has announced she will not beautify the Row any more after May 24.

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A soldier who was cut about the head when kicked in a street brawl recently has been seen about town looking for the "guy who slugged me." Guess the American serviceman takes a lot of punishment before being forced to retire—ask the Japs!

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Dale Ward spent last weekend in Southern California, going there on a business trip that took the entire weekend. While there, Dale found time to visit his son, in the armed forces.

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Wally Savage, business agent of Laborers 690, points with pride to the growing garden at his home. Wally says his oldest boy, age 6, did the entire job—the lad also has a number of laying hens to feed and care for, too.

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"Greg," the Building Trades office secretary, looks hale and hearty after his vacation — he says he's ready now to settle down and raise a family again.

Gen. MacArthur Inspiration for War Bond Drive



C. J. Haggerty, President of the California State Federation of Labor, left, and Howard D. Mills, Southern California Administrator for the War Savings Staff, view original sketch by the noted artist Burton Clark Baldwin, which is being reproduced as the official War Bond poster in the A. F. of L. drive to purchase one billion dollars worth of War Bonds during the current year.

Haggerty said that this poster will be displayed wherever A. F. of L. members are employed, as a constant reminder to them that this pledge must be fulfilled.

The A. F. of L. War Bonds Committee reported that they were making comprehensive plans to coordinate their activities with those of the Treasury Department in the coming house-to-house campaign to enlist all of Southern California in a gigantic bond-buying program.

The A. F. of L. stands ready to furnish man power in abundance to assist wherever possible in this great drive to increase immediately the sale of War Bonds in Southern California.

Lettuce Workers Still Out; U. S. Conciliator Here

Salinas, California.

A federal conciliator has been called to Salinas to assist in the dispute which caused lettuce workers in the Salinas sheds to halt work pending an adjustment.

Details of the dispute have not been reported for publication, but wages and conditions are known to be basis for the work stoppage, which was in effect last weekend.

Mr. Channing, the federal representative, had called meetings between unions involved, leaders of the workers, and employers in an effort to straighten up the situation, it was annonuced.

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All members, their families and friends are urged to listen in on Organized Labor's Radio Program each Monday evening over the Mutual Network.

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KVOE—Santa Ana	KVCV—Redding
KGB—San Diego	KTKO—Visalia
KFWB—Hollywood	KDON—Monterey
	KXO—El Centro

Building Quiet About Monterey

Monterey, California.

Activities in the building trades in the Monterey area are unusually quiet, reports Henry Diaz, president of the Monterey Building and Construction Trades Council.

Diaz reported that defense jobs still are continuing with employment conditions good for defense workers, but private building and non-defense work has hit a serious slump and many mechanics are traveling out of town for employment.

In Union Circles

SALINAS

After former attempts failed, Johnny Mattos finally had his resignation from the Press Committee of the labor council accepted last week. His reasons for resigning were not made public. Mattos had been one of the "old guard" and had been named to the Press Committee to help stabilize the labor-press relations locally. His resignation leaves only two (but very active) members—Guy Paulson, of Carpenters 925, and W. G. Kenyon, of Barbers 827, labor council secretary.

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Josephine Bullard, labor council delegate from Culinary Alliance 467, returned to Salinas last week from an extended vacation trip "deep in the heart of Texas." She was welcomed back by the council last Friday night.

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It should have been recorded last week that the labor council "regulars" were guests at an impromptu banquet following the meeting on May 1—steaks and all the trimmings, paid for by the social fund.

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Governor Olson last week wrote the labor council in acknowledgement of a suggestion that State Guardsmen from Salinas be allowed to return home because they haven't been paid and have only inadequate clothing to serve them in the guard duty. Olson said he was referring the matter to the state attorney general.

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Five delegates from the labor council will be sent to Oakland on Sunday, May 24, to attend an Olson-for-Governor rally of labor leaders. The quintet will be selected later.

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Representatives of the San Jose Retail Clerks Union were in Salinas last week to meet with a group of some 15 clerks from local stores in preliminary steps to forming a clerks' union here. Details of the movement for organization were not reported.

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Steps are being taken to secure a new sign to mark the Labor Temple building as such—the old sign, painted on glass before the Teamsters' office, was removed when the building was renovated and painted.

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Every Union Must Do Its Share to Defeat Hot Cargo Slave Bill No. 877

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL)—As we approach a showdown in our fight to abolish SLAVE BILL 877 it is important that every union should be able to point out that it has contributed to this—the most crucial campaign ever faced by the trade union movement. All wage earners, the unorganized as well as the organized, will benefit by keeping such a bill from becoming a law of our state, and the least that every responsible union member can do is assume his share in this vital undertaking.

Unions which have donated liberally to the SLAVE BILL fund have also contributed their time as well as having rendered other services in behalf of this campaign. It cost money to hold this bill up. It cost money to have the petitions circulated and signed. Not all of the unions contributed to this expense because of the short time that was at our disposal. Approximately $10,000 was spent in Northern California to circulate the petitions. In Southern California, the Teamsters expended over $35,000 to help hold up the SLAVE BILL so that the people would have a chance to vote on it.

All the unions realize the importance of this fight, and those which have not sent in any money should do so immediately as this fight promises to be the hitterest one that will have been waged in California for many years.

"Unity For Victory"

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WOULD NO UNIONS PRODUCE MORE?

According to the blatant defamers of organized labor, who are still busy with their smear campaign, all that is necessary to step up production is to outlaw the labor unions.

What is so painfully plain, however, is that these noisy self-styled patriots are not nearly so much concerned with increasing production, to help win the war, as they usually put it, as they are with using the war emergency as a pretext for wrecking the labor unions.

Suppose they did succeed in putting the unions out of business by outlawing them entirely. Suppose they did succeed in browbeating labor back to involuntary servitude, which is exactly what we have, whenever a man is deprived of the right to quit his job, then what?

After our unions were wrecked is there any slave-driver on earth who would be able to take the disorganized, disheartened and enslaved workers we then would have and get anything like the output our organized workers are producing today of their own free will? Mussolini has tried it and made a miserable failure of it. Hitler is still trying it, but like others, who have tried this he is leading straight for certain failure and defeat.

What we need today is the largeness of mind to bury all the little hatchets we may have here at home between ourselves. Right now there is just one big hatchet we all should wield to the limit of our strength and ability and that is the hatchet we have out to crush the axis powers and the totalitarian plans that have been undertaken to enslave the entire world by military force. That military force, which has declared war on us, must be completely crushed before this world can start going forward again. This is certainly no time to be wasting our substance and our strength fighting pettv little internal wars between ourselves.

OVERWORK A SAD MISTAKE

People shouting the loudest these days about lengthening the hours of labor in order to speed up production are not, as a rule, the type that are killing themselves with hard work. But they are not at all backward in advocating that others than themselves should do exactly this.

We are told that if our workers only would junk all their union rules, go backward fifty to one hundred years and proceed to work twelve hours a day again and seven days a week, that production on a greatly increased scale would then become a reality.

That this is a fallacy has been so conclusively proven by actual experience in the most efficient production plants of all time, that no further argument should be necessary on this point.

In this day and age, with its swiftly moving machines, to set a pace undreamed of in the past, the plan that produces the most in the shortest time is not the long-hour, unbroken week plan, that twelve hours a day and seven days a week represent, but the multiple plan, under which the plant itself operates day and night, every day in the week, with all the workers putting in eight-hour shifts every twenty-four hours, but so staggered throughout of the week that every man would have his regular days of rest every week. Under this plan there would be three eight-hour shifts. Rest days would be so staggered that there would be full crews on the job every day in the week.

To substitute for the above plan one that would have the workers put in twelve hours a day for two shifts, seven days a week, instead of increasing production, would most assuredly slow up output.

Human beings are so constituted that they break down under overwork. It is all a mistake to attempt to have men overtax themselves either by overspeeding or keeping them on the job excessive hours. Instead of increasing output such foolish management lowers the amount that is actually produced.

Overwork ruins health and makes physical wrecks out of those subjected to it. It is false economy. Instead of increasing output it lowers the total volume, when measured by the number of hours worked.

Overwork never pays. It simply destroys the efficiency of workers and after that results can never be satisfactory.

One of the easiest ways to help win the war is to buy defense bonds, because after you have bought them you have not spent that money. You still have it in tangible, convertible form. If you wait the full time you will get back four dollars for every three you put in. The deeper you dig the more you will have after the war is over and that is just the time when you are likely to need it.

Present indications are that our armed forces and those who make the decisions to move ahead now feel they are sufficiently prepared to get going on the job that lies ahead, which is to crush the axis powers and all they stand for in our world economy. Let us back them up to the full limit here at home.

The World *fair and unfair*

Dr. Harry Girvetz

THE DIES COMMITTEE—I

A recent editorial in the daily press in commenting on the latest grant of funds to the Dies Committee concluded that, although Dies' procedure had sometimes been highhanded, and although he had shown an unfortunate weakness for publicity, the work of the committee was on the whole so useful that it deserved to be continued.

This may or may not be so. But so long as the Dies Committee is to be continued, and so long as responsible editors are prepared to approve its continuation, let us be perfectly clear concerning its true function. The Dies Committee was established to investigate unAmerican activities so that Congress might use the results to guide it in legislating against such activities. However, the Dies Committee has no more to do with the investigation of unAmerican activities than a fish and game commission, nor has Congress based any legislation on the committee's voluminous findings.

The primary and almost exclusive function of the Dies Committee is to smear the New Deal and thus to rescue the reactionary factions in the Democratic party from the consequences of the association into which they have been thrown with the reformist, New Deal element. The committee has gotten by because, in the first place, it has been able to fool the gullible into believing that it actually is ferreting out unAmerican activities; because, secondly, many congressmen actually avoid voting against appropriations for the committee from fear of having it supposed that they have some un-American (i.e. Communist) association to conceal; and, finally, because Congress has been coming more and more under the domination of its anti-New Deal, anti-administration members.

As everyone knows the Democratic party is an incongruous mixture of the most diverse elements. The Democratic majority in Congress contains reactionary poll-tax congressmen from the deep south, opportunist machine congressmen from the big cities of the north, New Dealers, and a group which strives to adjust these conflicting interests, even if it must occasionally compromise its own point of view, because it understands that this is the only way in which the Democratic party can be kept together. The arrangement is entirely a marriage of convenience. The administration is composed of men recruited from the last two groups and, in the present reactionary mood of Congress New Dealers are able to modify legislation in the interest of social welfare only because of their influence with the administration.

The Dies Committee is the instrument by means of which the reactionary factions in the party strive to nullify the influence wielded by the progressive faction by virtue of the latter's association with the administration. Dies seeks to accomplish this by the device of associating every New Dealer with Communism. He does not expect his charges to be proven and, as we shall show in the second installment of this discussion, practically none of them are. If he can merely associate the name of a New Dealer with Communism Mr. Dies feels that his purpose has been realized. Suspicion has been created. Some people will reason that where there is smoke there is fire. Others will remember the charges, which invariably receive far greater publicity in the press, and forget the vindication. This, then, is the function, of the Dies Committee. Once Mr. Dies associates the name of a progressive with communism his hope is that such a progressive's usefulness will have been destroyed in part at least. Curiously enough he is not much interested in Fascist connections, and in the few cases in which he has been compelled by the force of public opinion and by the circumstance that we are after all at war with Fascist and not Communist states to investigate Fascist activities in America his investigations have been most perfunctory and timid.

Make no mistake about Mr. Dies and the men who support him in Congress. They are not after un-American activities. They know that we have the FBI for that. They know that Dies has refused to concern himself with the Coughlinites, the Ku Klux Klan and other Fascist organizations. They know that he depends for his information about Communism on sources like Mrs. Dilling's "Red Network," a book which suggests the wild ravings of a psychotic. They know that he knows nothing about Communist activities which has not been known to the FBI for years. They know also that the Dies Committee is the most effective instrument yet devised by a southern demagogue for subjecting the Democratic party to the control of the city wardheeler of the north and the back-county poll-taxer of the south. So they voted Dies $110,000.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE WORKER'S BOOKSHELF

THUS SPEAKS GERMANY, edited by W. W. Coole, and M. F. Potter. Foreword by Hamilton Fish Armstrong. Harper & Bros., N. Y. $3.50.

This is a provocative book. Its contents are replete with sinister implications and painful lessons. There is much in its pages to hasten deep concern and prompt action — pages bearing blood and thunder—from pre-Nazi as well as pro-Nazi jingoes—against any land, force, idea or people that might impede their drive for world domination. Here we have laid bare before us the German soul, (whatever that really may be) as revealed in the writings and mouthings of Bismarck, Treitschke, Albert Ballin (who was Jewish) Stinnes, Thyssen, etc., and, of course, the whole raft of Nazi blusterers. Again, there is terrible danger in the thesis of the editors. Such ideas, vigorously pushed in England by Vansittart, play into the hands of the Hitler hooligans. The latter seize upon such notions to strike fear of defeat into the hearts of the German masses and thus weld the mto the Nazi war machine. Actually, the first people conquered, torfured, and oppressed by the Hitler hordes, were the millions of German people in the cities and on the land. Furthermore, why leave out of the "German soul" such thinkers and world figures as Beethoven, Heine, Marx, Schiller, Kant and Goethe?

Granted that Hitler and his entire hierarchy must be exterminated and that all their ideas must be extirpated. This is our first duty. But we should never confuse the concentration camp unanimity with the soul of the whole people. To err here means to help tighten unwittingly the Nazi grip on the German people and thus to lengthen the war—to postpone indefinitely, or perhaps even prevent, the triumph of democracy over totalitarianism.

FOUR YEARS OF NAZI TORTURE, by Ernest Winkler. D. Appleton Co., N. Y. City. $2.50.

Here is a worthwhile book by a German, a leader of the Catholic Youth Movement. The author naturally has to write under a pseudonym. It is a stirring indictment of Hitler bestiality, of all the crimes Nazism represents. Torture, the knife, the lash, the club—these are the instruments of Nazi culture. It is a gruesome story of personal experience and tragedy—yet, inspiring in its revelation of individual fortitude and human courage of a German resisting Nazi conquest and perversion of his soul and spirit.

All Labor Pledges United Support of War Bond Drives

Washington, D. C.

The representatives of more than 11,250,000 organized workers have pledged to the Treasury Department that union workers throughout the nation will equal—and top—the ten per cent of payroll quota figure established in the billion dollar War Savings Bond drive.

These pledges were given to Treasury Secretary Morgenthau by Thomas C. Cashen, chairman of the Railroad Labor Executives Association; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; and Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. With Secretary Morgenthau at the time, were leaders of industry and agriculture, and Lieutenant Commander O'Hare, crack Navy combat pilot, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Roosevelt for his exploit in engaging in single-handed combat with nine Japanese bombers, shooting down five of them and severely damaging a sixth.

POEM OF THE WEEK

THANKS AMERICA!

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You have
Kept factories running, people humming,
And they are working day and night.
When it's over, we'll be in clover;
We have just begun to fight,
and
I promise, on my word of honor,
That before our job is done.
That the Axis and their Ism's
Will sink with the "Rising Sun."
Therefore,
I further pledge, man by man.
We'll make 'em say uncle to Uncle Sam,
And now before my broadcast ends,
Thanks again; good evening friends.

By THELMA BARTON.

"WHAT NOW?"

By ROY G. OWENS

THE HAM AND EGGS PROPOSAL:

SECTION 1.

(1) This article shall be known as "The Payroll Guarantee Amendment" and the purpose is to provide A JOB AND A PAY CHECK OR ELSE A PENSION FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF CALIFORNIA WHO IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER

SECTION 2.

(1) If the legislature is not in egular session on the fifth day after the adoption of this amendment, then within five days after the adoption of this amendment the governor shall call a specia session of the legislature to be convened within five days afte the call thereof for the purpose of enacting legislation which shall provide substantially as follows: that every qualified senior elector of the state shall immediately upon application therefor, as set forth in section 3 hereof, be paid by the state the sum of not less than $20.00 and shall thereafter be paid not less than $20.00 each week so long as said senior elector shall remain so qualified; that every qualified junior elector of the state who is 21 years of age or over shall immediately, upon application therefor, as set forth in section 4 hereof, be paid by the state the sum of not less than $7.00 and shall thereafter be paid not less than $7.00 each week so long as said junior elector shall continue to be so qualified, and

PRICE-LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS

(2) said citizen pension payments of $20.00 per week to senior electors and $7.00 per week to junior electors shall be based upon the average prices of consumer goods and rentals which prevailed in the year 1926 and whenever the price level of all consumer goods included by the United States Department of Labor in computing index numbers of consumer goods shall show an increase of 5 per cent or more in any quarter over the average price level for the entire year of 1926 said payments to senior and junior electors shall be immediately increased in like proportion; and in like manner the compensation so paid shall be increased or decreased in harmony with fluctuations of said price levels but at no time shall said payments fall below $20.00 per week for senior electors and $7.00 per week for junior electors.

SENIOR QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION 3.

(1) The qualifications to entitle a senior elector to $20.00 per week shall be:

(2) That applicant is fifty years of age or over.

(3) That current assured net income of applicant is not in excess of $2400.00 per annum.

(4) That applicant is a registered qualified elector of the state or that applicant would have been able to so qualify under the law as it stood at the adoption of this article, and that he has been a legal resident of this state for not less than one year immediately preceding the adotpion of this article.

(5) That as long as applicant continues to receive said payments he will not be employed for salary or wages or other remuneration or upon a cooperative basis in the production of goods or services for hire or for sale and that applicant will not employ any person to engage for him in the production of goods or services for hire or for sale.

(6) Electors of the state of any age who have been certified by the Board of Supervisors of the county of their residence as physically disabled and disqualified for employment and electors of the state of any age who are widows with children under 18 years of age shall be deemed senior electors and shall be entitled to senior compensation.

JUNIOR QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION 4.

(1) The qualifications to entitle a junior elector to $7.00 per week shall be:

(2) That applicant is 21 years of age or over.

(3) That applicant has been a legal resident of the state for not less than one year immediately preceding the adoption of this amendment.

(4) That applicant is unable to find employment within the county of his or her residence which supplies applicant with earnings of at least $16.00 for not more than 40 hours work each week.

(5) That applicant does not receive more than one thousand dollars per year from any source other than his or her personal earnings and that the wife or husband of applicant is not employed

STOP PAYMENTS

SECTION 5.

(1) It shall be provided that any senior or junior elector who receives compensation may at any date notify the state to discontinue said payments whereupon said payments shall cease but such payments shall be resumed immediately upon the filing of reanplication therefor showing compliance with all of the requirements for said payments.

If you pitch your hopes too high, your enemy is likely to get on base without much effort.

Newspaper Woman Gets 4½ Years of Back Pay

Newark, New Jersey.

More than 4½ years after being fired for union activity, Agnes Fahy, member of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) was reinstated to her job on S. I. Newhouse's Newark Star-Ledger.

Only after being held in contempt by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals did Newhouse agree to reinstate Miss Fahy with $9,865.50 back pay ordered by the NLRB.

All ways and always to sharpen our spears against the Axis savages!

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Machinists Take $10,000 In Bonds

Long Beach, California.

Machinists Lodge 1235 voted last week to purchase an additional $10,000 worth of United States War Bonds, Cleve Caldwell, business representative, reports.

This makes the third purchase of that amount by the Machinists since the bonds were first placed on sale last year.

Caldwell also reported that membership in the lodge had grown far in excess of 2,000 members for the first time in its existence.

Candour by itself is not enough to overcome calamity.

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MONTEREY PENINSULA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—Meets at Labor Temple, 315 Alvarado, first and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Pres., Henry Tothammer; Vice-Pres., Elmer Borman; Treas., A. H. Thompson; Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Phone 7622.

MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED TEACHERS NO. 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 P. M. Fin.-Sec., Wayne Edwards 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

MUSICIANS PROTECTIVE UNION OF MONTEREY COUNTY, Local No. 616: Meets second Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street. Kenneth Ahrenkeil, Secretary; Stanley Belfils, President.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPER HANGERS 272—Meet second and fourth Tuesdays in Bartenders' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., W. A. Bjornvold, Box 192, Carmel, Phone 606R; Fin. Sec.-Treas., J. C. Hazelwood, Res. Rt. 1, Box 142, Monterey; Rec. Sec., Roy Hamilton, Res. 571 Pine St., Pacific Grove, Phone 5535.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Carpenters' Hall, Monterey, 8:00 P.M. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS NO. 62—Meet in Carpenters' Hall Monterey, second and fourth Friday at 8:00 P. M. President, J. Allen Wilson. 211 Ninth Street, Pacific Grove, Phone 4591; Fin.-Sec., Henry Diaz, 1271 Third street, Monterey, Phone 7086.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres., Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres., E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., Art Hamil.

SEINE AND LINE FISHERMEN'S UNION—Meets monthly on full moon, 2:00 p.m., at Knights of Pythias Hall, Calle Principal; Secretary-Treasurer, John Crivello; Business Agent, Vito Alioto, Office 233 Alvarado St., Phone 3965.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meet every third Friday, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey. Pres., John Alsop, 308 19th St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., S. C., Ph. 1276J.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO DRIVERS' UNION 287—Meets second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. George W. Jenott, Sec.-Bus. Agt., 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Ballard 6316. For a representative of Monterey County call L. R. Carey, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas Phone 7590.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LOCAL 573—Meets last Friday of each month in Labor Temple. Lawrence Ollason, President; Walter Cook, Vice President; A. B. Rotter, Secretary, Rt. 1, Monterey

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Lloyd Lovett, Salinas; Sec., Warren A. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 64, Santa Cruz.

SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCED BY PRODUCTION BOARD

Los Angeles, California.

Full details of the War Production Board's order restricting building materials were revealed last week by Alfred R. Thomas, district priorities manager for Southern California and Arizona.

No person shall hereafter start construction unless the project:

1. Is to be the property of the Army or Navy, Maritime Commission, Panama Canal, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Coast Guard, Civil Aeronautics Authority, or Office of Scientific Research and Development, or

2. Is a building, structure, or project used directly in the discovery, development or depletion of mineral deposits; or

3. Is of a type subject to the provisions of any order in the M-68 series relating to the production and distribution of petroleum; or

RESIDENTIAL LESS THAN $500

4. Is residential and the estimated cost is less than five hundred dollars; or is to reconstruct or restore residential construction damaged or destroyed after December 31, 1941, by fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, act of God, or the public enemy, or

5. Is agricultural and costs less than one thousand dollars; or

6. Is other restricted construction costing less than five thousand dollars, or

7. Is specifically authorized by the War Production Board.

[illegible] LIMITATIONS

These exceptions shall not be construed to authorize separate or successive construction operations the aggregate cost of which, over any continuous twelve month period, exceeds the amount specified in the applicable paragraph for the particular building, structure or project.

The assignment of a preference rating by a PD-1, PD-1A or other certificate shall not constitute authorization to begin construction.

If the applicant requires priorities assistance, an application shall be made for the appropriate preference rating order or certificate.

Auto Workers to Avenge Death by Huge Bond Pledge

Detroit, Michigan.

Mike McKosky is an auto worker out in Chicago, a member of Local 758, United Auto Workers. Mike's boy, Martin McKosky, went down on the U. S. S. Arizona. He was killed in action at Pearl Harbor.

It is in honor of young Martin McKosky that the auto workers have pledged themselves to buy $50,000,000 worth of War Bonds—enough to replace the Arizona!

In order to achieve this goal, the union's executive board has recommended to all union members that they put as high as 20 percent of their weekly pay into War Bonds. "If you are making $50 a week, that would mean $10 for Uncle Sam," the union says. "That means we must pinch and scrape to do the job. But it must be done."

In a special War Bond leaflet issued by its International Education Department, the union points out that "Money put into Defense Bonds will be there after the war—when you need it. Money put into Defense Bonds earns a higher interest rate than any other investment open to workers. Money put into Defense Bonds will help keep prices down."

"Get busy today. Sign up every man in your shop. Let each man voluntarily determine how much he'll invest each week," it continued. "You can make an arrangement with your company to have them deduct the amount of your purchase from your weekly pay envelope. It will make it easy.

"Do it today. It's your fight, brother. Uncle Sam needs hundreds of millions of dollars to protect you! Uncle Sam needs your dollars! Buy United States Defense Bonds every week—from now on."

Pickets Dropping Local Battle for War on Hitlerism

Dayton, Ohio.

Dollars formerly used to fight an unfair Ohio theater are now being used to fight Hitler, according to The Labor Union, local labor weekly, which relates one of the strangest stories of the war.

For eight years the Motion Picture Operators' Union picketed a local theatre in a never-ending fight. Recently, the union "just about emptied its treasury by buying $3,000 worth of War Savings Bonds as their investment in victory," The Labor Union relates. But the operators, despite their empty coffers, wanted to do much more for Uncle Sam—and so they hatched the following plan:

The picket line is to be abandoned for the duration of the war, and the $100 a month which it cost to keep the line marching will be invested in War Bonds to help keep the Army's soldier line a-marching.

"Low wages, long hours and substandard conditions will not last forever," the union states. "They won't last any longer than Hitler can make the same conditions last in Europe. For our plan is only temporary—while we help with our bond dollars to win the world-wide war on sweatshops."

Too Old To Work? Phooey! See What Oldsters Doing!

Maybe you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but an old dog remembers the tricks he's been taught. He generally does them better than a puppy, too, because he's had experience.

For too long when a man was past middle age he found it hard to get a job. "Too old," employers said. But today these same employers are anxiously searching for these skillful "old dogs."

The naval ordnance plant of the Hudson Motor Car Company advertised in Detroit newspapers last week:

"Wanted — Toolmakers and jig and fixture inspectors; age limits 45 to 98 years."

And the advertisement got replies: "They found they needed us old timers to win the war," Whitehaired G. Y. Courtney, 74, remarked as he showed up at the plant along with a number of other men about his age. He's now working in the tool and die department.

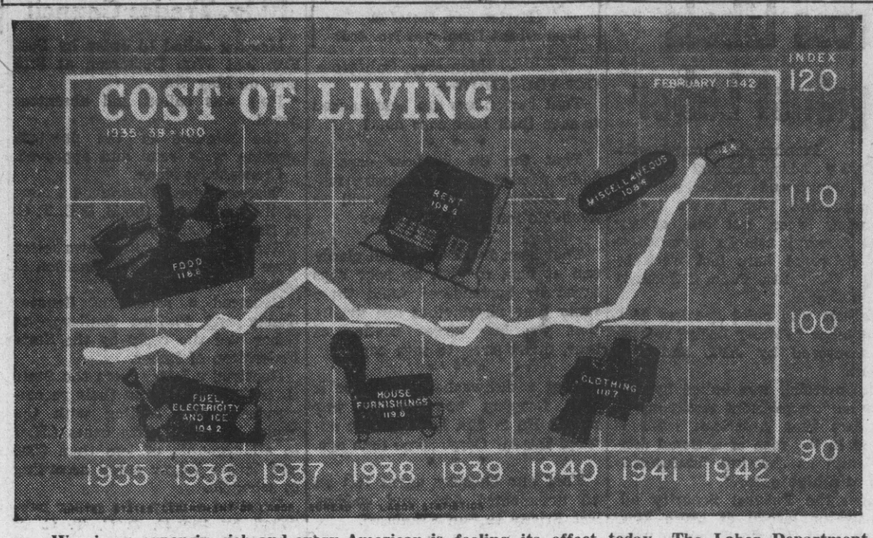
That the "98" was no joke was stressed by the personnel director at the plant. "If he's an A-1 man and still able to work or able to instruct younger men, we don't care if he is a hundred."

The North American bomber plant feels the same way. George LaMountain, an expert toolmaker, works there. He is 73. He was in retirement when the company heard of his skill and called him to work.

POSTAL ODDITIES by TRAPP



'HCL' Goes Up Like Hell!



War is an expensive job and every American is feeling its effect today. The Labor Department chart above shows that we now pay about 17% more for food, about 19% more for clothes and about 20% more for home furnishings. Costs of fuel and electricity haven't jumped as much—about 4½%. On the whole American living costs have risen about 13% over the pre-war period. Income taxes have also increased and most trade union leaders agree that the new tax program puts the heaviest burden on those best able to pay.

Little Luther

"Father," said Little Luther, "is an abortionist the same as a doctor?"

"Good heavens, no! Whom have you been talking to?"

"Nobody. I have just been reading the New York Herald Tribune, which tells how some of these abortionists have been making $100,000 to $250,000 a year in New York."

"Luther, when you are a little older I shall be glad to explain certain rather unpleasant things to you. For the present I think we had better drop the subject."

"But the story in the paper says there are so many abortionists that nobody can tell just how many."

"That is no doubt perfectly true. All you need to know, Luther, is that abortionists are disreputable doctors who violate the law. They are a disgrace to the medical profession and to the community."

"But why hasn't the medical profession put them all in jail?"

"Luther, it is impossible for the officers of the various medical societies to police the entire profession. When a doctor does wrong, it is up to the proper law enforcement authorities to see that he is apprehended and punished."

"But you wouldn't blame the whole medical profession because there are so many of these abortionists, would you?"

"Of course not. It is human to be tempted by the lure of tainted money, Luther, and inevitably a certain percentage of weaker men will succumb to the temptation. But we must not condemn the good men for the sins of a small minority."

"That sounds O. K., father. You would say also that we shouldn't condemn the whole labor movement because some officials are dishonest, I suppose."

"Luther, the situation is entirely different. It would be very hard to explain it to you."

"I guess it would, pop, because you tell me an abortionist is not the same as a doctor but you seem to think a racketeer is the same as a union official."

Lots of Jobs for Men Past 40, Says Pres. Roosevelt

Washington, D. C.

There is a place for men and other workers past 40 in the gigantic war production program, according to President Roosevelt's proclamation of National Employment Week.

They are needed in jobs for which they are already fitted, "and there is a place for them in job-training courses designed to build up the skills of the Nation's manpower," the Proclamation continued.

"It is not on a basis of patriotism alone that employers are urged to open their doors to older workers, but on the basis of sound business sense as well, for it should not be forgotten that these older workers have qualifications that younger persons lack. Work experience, stability, and responsibility are assets we can not afford to waste in this crisis."

Employers must cooperate in placing men and women of middle age, the President declared. "While inviting the attention of private industry to the necessity for training and employing older men and women, I am also hereby calling upon all Federal agencies taking part in the training of workers in various skills to intensify their training activities for older workers in order that we may utilize our full manpower."

The President in his proclamation referred to veterans of the last war, saying: "They had something to give in youth and valor then; they have something to give in experience and skill today."

WHAT NEXT

Faucet washers of snythetic rubber are now made which are said to outlast natural rubber washers many times, particularly in hot water faucets subject to much use, says Nation's Business.

Labor Hurting War Effort? Business Would Be First To Know, and It Doesn't

Washington, D. C.

If labor, in any way, is retarding the war effort, business men would be the first to know about it, and certainly they would be the first to complain.

That is by way of introduction to a remarkable statement made in the Senate last week by Senator Homer T. Bone (Dem., Wash.) in commenting on a poll among business men by "Fortune," a magazine for rich men which sells at $1 a copy.

More than 5,000 "representative businessmen" were questioned by "Fortune," Bone declared, but only 5 per cent contended the "labor problem, including unions and wages," was their "primary business problem." Ninety-five per cent of the business men, Bone said, insisted that material shortages and other matters in no wise controlled by labor were the stumbling blocks in the way of all-out production.

5 PER CENT OLD "DISCARDS"

Unfortunately, "Fortune" does not disclose the identity of the business men who replied to its questionnaire. Had it done so, unquestionably it would have been shown that the 5 per cent which condemned labor are die-hard sweatshoppers who have never had any relations with unions and have consistently fought all legislation designed to safeguard workers against exploitation.

AFL-CIO Joining Hands to Support U. S. Navy Relief

Washington, D. C.

Realizing that many of the men lost at sea in the war effort were American workers and members of their unions, Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of the AFL, have joined the Citizens National Committee of the Navy Relief Society, throwing the support of organized labor behind the Society's campaign for funds to aid families of Navy men.

Murray and Green each appointed committees to work with the National Citizens Committee, whose offices are at 730 Fifth Ave., New York City.

The CIO committee consists of: David J. McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer Steel Workers Organizing Committee; R. L. Thomas, President United Automobile Workers of America; Sherman Dalrymple, President United Rubber Workers of America; John Green, President International Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers; Irving Abramson, Chairman CIO American and Allied War Relief; John Brophy, Secretary CIO American and Allied War Relief.

The AFL men are: Matthew Woll, Executive Secretary American Federation of Labor; Harvey Brown, President International Association of Machinists; John P. Frey, President Metal Trades Department; G. M. Bugniazet, Secretary-Treasurer Int. Bro. Electrical Workers of America; George Masterton, President Plumbers and Steam Fitters of U. S. and Canada; E. E. Milliman, President Maintenance of Way Employes Brotherhood; James M. Duffy, President National Bro. of Operative Potters; Abe Bluestein, Exec.-Secty. United Nations War Relief Committee.

Here's Why Sugar Is A Vital War Weapon

Sugar has become a weapon of war. Sugar cane is needed to make molasses. Molasses is used in making industrial alcohol. Industrial alcohol is needed to make explosives. Explosives are needed to "blast the Axis."

Why should sugar be rationed? Sugar supplies from the Philippines are cut off. Hawaiian supplies are uncertain because of the war in the Pacific. Less sugar is coming from other countries because ships are needed to carry more strategic war materials. Sugar is being shipped to our Allies under the lend-lease plan. And because sugar is needed to make explosives.

San Diego Labor Battles Traffic Problem In City

San Diego, California.

Proposing a remedy for the major cause of San Diego's acute traffic congestion problem, a subcommittee of the Civilian Defense Council's safety committee this week was studying the suggestion that industrial plants stagger the shifts of each department on a half-hour basis to avoid the daily traffic tangle.

Kenneth Griffin, of Teamsters Local 542, was named on the committee by the San Diego County Federated Trades and Labor Council.

"The staggered-shift proposal seems to be the one definite hope of the committee," Griffin declared. "If we can secure the cooperation of San Diego's industrialists in giving the proposal a fair trial I think the problem will at least be partially solved."

Meet Tillie



Caryl Smith, young radio actress, plays Tillie in the radio adaptation of the popular Russ Westover comic strip, "Tillie the Toiler," new program series on Columbia network Saturday evenings. Heard with her as Mac is Broadway star William Lynn.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

SXNG IT, FRLLOWS

My typist's away on vacation%
My typixt;s away bg the sea;
she left me to do alz the typigg*
O bring back my typist to me!

Md typixt's aw-py on vasction3
a fact gou can eaxily zee—
IT's odd how tees letirs get mixed up(
O brine back my tipr to me,,?

HEAP BIG CHUMP

American Tourist (to Canadian Northwest Indian): "White man glad to see red man. White man hopes big chief is feeling tip top this morning."

Indian (calling): "Hey, Jake! Come here and listen to this bozo! He's great."

COULD BE!

A bunch of germs were hitting it up
In the bronchial saloon;
Two bugs on the edge of the larynx
Were jazzing a ragtime tune.
Back in the teeth, in a solo game,
Sat dangerous Ack-Kerchoo;
And watching his pulse was his light of love,
The lady that's known as Flu.

SEWING PAIR OF PANTS ON BUTTON

Architect: "Now if you'll give me a general idea of the kind of home you need—"

Prospective Builder: "Well, we want something to go with an antique door knocker my wife brought home from Mexico City."

THE REAL PART

Dancing Master—You must mind your feet carefully if you want to learn the new dances.

Pupil—Never mind the feet, professor. What I want to get is the holds.

NOTHING DOING

Jones (in debt)—Sorry, old man, but I'm looking for a little financial succor again.

Smith—You'll have to look further this time. I'm not the financial sucker I used to be.

HARD-HEADED

"Prisoner," said the judge, "you say your wife hit you on the head with a plate. Is that so?"

"Yes, sir."

"But your head doesn't show marks of any kind."

"No, sir, but you should have seen the plate!"

TIME OUT

Slowly the hand of the clock crept around to the hour and at the first chime the procession started its slow way to the scaffold. Dick Benson had just eaten a hearty meal and his face showed no trace of fear. Upon arrival at the scaffold everything was placed in position and the rope adjusted. With a last look at his watch Dick picked up his paint brush and went back to work.

THE LATECOMER

Donovan's wife awoke in the small hours to hear him stealthily moving things about in the kitchen.

"What might ye be lookin' for, darlin'?" she asked.

"Nothing," said Donovan, "just nothing."

"Oh!" said his wife, helpfully. "Then ye'll find it in the bottle where the whiskey used to be."

A CLOSE SHAVE FOR SOMEBODY

"Whaffo" you sharpenin' 'at razor?"

"Woman, they's a paih o' gentmuns shoes undah yo' bed. If they ain't no one in dem shoes I's gonna shave."

MR. FIXIT

A Hollywood producer received a story entitled "The Optimist." He called his staff together and said, "Gentlemen, this title must be changed to something simpler. We're intelligent and know what an optimist is, but how many of these morons are gonna know it's an eye doctor?"

THE TIE THAT BINDS

O, some will say that a gent's cravat should only be seen, not heard. But I want a tie that will make men cry, and render their vision blurred.

I yearn, I long, for a tie so strong it will take two men to tie it. If such there be, just show it to me—whatever the price, I'll buy it!

Give me a tie—a wild, wild tie—one with a barrel of sins! A tie that will blaze in a hectic haze, down where the vest begins.

WITHIN LIMITS

He was a Scottish minister of the old style, and found it difficult to absorb new ideas. Yet he did want to keep in touch with modern manners.

So when he was asked if he thought it was wrong to take a walk in the country on Sunday afternoon, he thought things over for a while before he replied:

"Weel, as I see it, there's no harm in ye takin' a walk on the Sawbath, sae lang as ye dinna enjoy yourself."

TOP DRAWER, DZUDI

Medium—The spirit of your wife wishes to speak with you. What shall I say to her?

Dzudi—Ask her where she put my summer underwear.

PETITIONS TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC RULE IN CALIFORNIA NOW OUT

Labor's bid for democratic rule in California moved closer to reality when petitions sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor to place the reapportionment of the State Senate as an initiative measure on the ballot began circulation for signatures early this week. Putting into motion a long-time determination to restore electorial representation to the majority of citizens of the state, the Federation now has thousands of these petitions ready for distribution to every citizen interested in abolishing minority rule in Sacramento.

Paralleling labor's campaign in behalf of this long overdue legislative reform, which promises to be tremendously effective, is the organization of a sponsoring committee of educators and prominent citizens in favor of the amendment to place the state senate on a democratic footing headed by Professor Max Radin of Berkeley. Other equally outstanding persons who have already tentatively agreed to serve on this committee are: Dr. Vere Loper, Miss Lucy Stebbins, Miss Emily Huntington, Dr. A. M. Kidd, and Dr. Charles Aiken of Berkeley, Dr. Tully Knoles, Stockton, Dr. Kenneth Potter, Fresno, Dr. Hubert Phillips, Fresno, Dr. Remsen Bird, Dr. Westergaard, Dr. E. Grant, and Dr. P. Graham of Los Angeles, Dr. Thomas Barclay, Dr. J. Walter Bingham, and Dr. George Osborne of Stanford University.

Reports reaching the office of the Federation are that a great many other public spirited citizens are interested in helping in this important work and will become a part of this impartial body to promote this needed reform in California's highest legislative chamber.

Members of the unions are urged to contact the Federation's office immediately to obtain petitions. Signatures will be needed and Labor will have to do its share.

Already the plan of reapportioning the state senate as proposed by the California State Federation of Labor has drawn a heavy barrage of adverse comment and attack from organizations hostile to labor. Coverage of these attacks in the metropolitan press has been unusually extensive and labor can be prepared for some real opposition to this important endeavor.

Don't forget to get your petition and start after signatures at once. Be sure that you and your fellow union members are registered voters. This is another of the principal reasons for every member of labor casting a vote in the coming election.

Western Teaming Movement To Meet in Portland

SEATTLE—(TNS)—Labelled as the most important three-day session the Western Teaming movement ever slated, the program for the seventh annual Western Conference of Teamsters at Portland, Oregon, June 3, 4 and 5, began to take shape this week, according to Paul Revelle, secretary of the committee on arrangements.

With the Nation at war, many problems of utmost significance will be discussed, Revelle declared. Highlight of these will be a report on the progress of the Teamsters Union fight to retain delivery systems throughout the Nation, though an organized campaign has been trying to eliminate this valuable and highly important service which, in many instances, is directly attributable to the success of the war effort if retained.

This will be the first time that the Western Conference has met under war conditions. At the last meeting held here prior to the American Federation of Labor convention, the Teamsters' delegates went all-out in support of President Roosevelt's national and international policies, and promised a "No strike" law in defense industries. The Teamsters Unions kept this pledge, as witnessed by the labor peace now enjoyed in the Western Conference's jurisdiction, where defense industries are involved.

The Teamster delegates will also give a thorough account of their stewardship, citing membership gains, contracts and organizational plans in their annual reports to the various trade sections.

In a special letter to all the secretaries of local unions affiliated with the IBT in the eleven Western states, Revelle announced the dates of the trade division caucuses which will be held on June 2 and 3. All meetings will be held in the Benson Hotel, which has been selected by the program committee as the official conference meeting place. Teamster delegates will also register at this hotel.

Mexican Workers Call Off Strikes for War

Mexico City, Mexico.

Mexican Railway Workers and miners have indicated that there would be no important strike in Mexico for the duration of the war. The workers are cooperating in the economic defense agreement between the U. S. and Mexico, which was announced last week. The United States is interested in increasing the efficiency of Mexico's railways to transport strategic minerals.

WISDOM

Let our schools teach the nobility of labor and the beauty of human service; but the superstitions of ages past—never.—Peter Cooper.

If we were to streamline an old proverb, it would run something like this: Waste not today; want not tomorrow.

Save everything; squander nothing—for hastening the triumph of light over darkness.

Relief Payments To Wake Island Family Dependents

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL)—Because of the great number of dependents of imprisoned construction workers formerly on Wake, Guam and other islands who have inquired from the office of the Federation as to what they are entitled to as temporary relief until the Bill S. 2329, sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor and now pending in Congress, is disposed of, we print below a table giving this information.

It must be kept in mind that if any of the dependents are receiving money from non-contributory government funds or through other channels such amounts are deductible from the payments they are entitled to receive from the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Fund which is administering this matter until it is permanently settled.

A number of cases are being ruled upon now by the Social Security Board where the facts justify newer and clearer interpretations. The California State Federation of Labor will supply any information along this line to any of the dependents who may be in need of it.

These payments, it must be kept in mind, are only temporary relief, and the Federation is vigorously fighting for the passage of its bill, S. 2329, which will restore the full earnings to the captured men and their dependents.

TABLE OF BENEFITS

The first figure is percentage of monthly earnings rate; the second, minimum benefit (earnings rate of $100 or less); the third, maximum benefit, (earnings rate $150):

Widow or wife: no child, 30%, $30.00, $45.00; and 1 child, 40%, $40.00, $60.00; and 2 children, 50%, $50.00, $75.00; and 3 children, 60%, $60.00, $85.00; and 4 or more children, 66⅔%, $66.67, $85.00.

No widow or wife: 1 child, 20%, $20.00, $30.00; 2 children, 30%, $30.00, $45.00; 3 children, 40%, $40.00, $60.00; 4 children, 50%, $50.00, $75.00; 5 children, 60%, $60.00, $85.00; 6 or more children, 66⅔%, $66.67, $85.00.

One dependent parent, 20%, $20.00, $30.00.

Two dependent parents, 30%, $30.00, $45.00.

Unions Picketing Del Monte Plants

Fresno, California.

Picket lines have been placed around California Packing Corporation and a nationwide boycott instituted against their products (of which Del Monte brand is most widely known) to break the "Company Union" setup there. If the company officials resist the efforts of Local No. 19653 to establish a legitimate union much longer, picket lines will be put on all C. P. C. canneries throughout the state to bring this labor hating company under the banner of the AFL.

The Packing House Employes Union No. 19653 has the full support of the Fresno Central Labor Council.

Six Thousand Milkmen Join Civilian Defense

Chicago, Illinois.

Six thousand members of the Chicago Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 753, were inducted in a mass into civilian defense ranks. The surgeon-general of the United States Army recently said casualties at Pearl Harbor were greatly reduced by the emergency aid of milk wagon and laundry drivers. It is planned to use the Chicago drivers for ambulance and similar work in the city's defense program.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets every Monday night at 7:30, Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres., George Harter, 1060 Market St., Phone 5335; Vice Pres., Guy Paulson; Sec., L. H. Taft, 520 Riker St., Phone 4246; Treas., L. A. Long, 101 Drive; Rec. Sec., Roy Hossack, 1244 Del Monte Ave.; Bus. Agent, L. E. Koch, 66 Myrtle Court, Phone 6868, Office 422 N. Main St., Phone 5721.

CULINARY WORKERS ALLIANCE 467—Meets second and fourth Thursday, 2:30 p.m. at Labor Temple. Sec. and Bus. Agent, Dorothy Johns, 117 Pajaro, Phone 6209; Pres., Jessie King.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL No. 243—Meets first Tuesday of each month at the Labor Temple. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Agent, 25 Harvest St., Phone 1178; C. C. Carroll, Pres.

FIVE COUNTIES LABOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE—Meets first Sunday each month at place announced. Pres., F. J. Carlisle; Vice.-Pres., Wayne Edwards; Rec. Sec., Sibyl Schneller; Sec.-Treas., Roy Hossack, Route 2, Box 144, Salinas, Phone Salinas 5460.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION NO. 272—Meets second and fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at Forresters Hall, 373 Main street. R. Fenchel, President, 256 Clay street; Frank Ball, Secretary, 114 Pine St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas, Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

LINOLEUM, CARPET AND SOFT TILE WORKERS UNION, of Painters Union 1104—Meets at Labor Temple, first and third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Harry Nash, Chairman.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION: Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., 137 Clay St.; D. D. McAnaney, Pres.

MUSICIANS PROTECTIVE UNION OF MONTEREY COUNTY, Local No. 616: Meets second Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street. Kenneth Ahrenkeil, Secretary 1296 First Ave., Phone 3861, Salinas; Stanley Belfils, President.

OPERATING ENGINEERS NO. 165—Meets first Thursday at Labor Temple, 462-A Main Street, Harry Vosburgh, secretary. 240 E. San Luis Street, Salinas.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION No. 763: Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1104; Meets first and third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p. m. Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; Pres., Earl Ross; Rec. Sec., Ted Hartman; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., W. M. Bell; office at Labor Temple. Phone Salinas 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503: Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; Fin. Sec., Alfred H. (Fred) Hull, 19 West St., Salinas; Pres., L. Jenkins.

POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL No. 1046: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Towt St., Salinas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2944R, P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, Pres., Salinas.

PRINTING PRESSMEN & ASSISTANTS' UNION NO. 328 OF WATSONVILLE AND SALINAS—Meets last Tuesday of each month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. President, Roland W. Scheffler, Toro and Miami Sts., Salinas; Sec., Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 304—President, John Alsop, Pacific Grove, Phone 7825; Business Agent, A. N. Endell, 54 Villa St., Salinas, Phone 7355.

STATE, COUNTY and MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES — Meets on call at Labor Temple, R. H. Clinch, Pres.; R. S. Humphrey, Sec.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secty., E. M. Jones, 21-A Homestead, Salinas. Meets in Forresters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Labor Temple; L. R. (Red) Carey, secretary, 117 Pajaro street, Salinas, Phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple: Pres., Art Reina, 13 Kentucky St., Salinas; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Payton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL No. 543: Meets every other last Sunday in the month at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas; A.F. Ramey, Secretary, Rt. 5, Box 9, Watsonville, Calif; Frank H. Phillips, President.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Lloyd Lovett, Salinas; Sec., Warren A. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 64, Santa Cruz.

MINUTES
Central Labor Council

The meeting of May 5, 1942, was called to order by Pres. Tothammer. The roll call showed the presence of 12 delegates from 9 locals. All the regular officers were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Bro. Kaspar Bauer, of Santa Cruz, was present and being invited to speak addressed the Council in an inspiring manner. Bro. Bauer emphasized the fact that we do not care for the things we do not have to struggle for. The struggle for democracy has been the struggle of the common people to have a voice in how the government should be run. Referring to world affairs, he pointed out that whereever the white man has come in contact with other races, he has exploited them. This practice must be changed if we are to have a peaceful world order. In the United States we have undergone an industrial revolution in the past hundred years. The things we work with today are social tools and must be socially owned. A new economic order is necessary.

In Santa Cruz the Central Labor Council has a rule that at each meeting a member is appointed who will at the next meeting speak for fifteen minutes on whatever has interested him most during the preceding week.

The secretary reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Five County Conference at San Jose on May 3.

The By-Laws Committee submitted its report, which was accepted. The committee presented the following proposed amendments to the constitution:

ARTICLE IV Section 2, shall be changed to read as follows: The monthly dues of each affiliated local shall be a per capita tax of 3c per member, based on the branch local's report to its respective international. No local shall pay more than $25 per month and no local shall pay less than $2 per month.

REPRESENTATION: Representation of local unions affiliated with this Council shall be as follows:

(A) DELEGATES: Each union shall be allowed three delegates for the first two hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional delegate for each additional two hundred members, provided that no union shall have more than five delegates.

(B) VOTING: Votes in this Central Labor Council shall be allotted thus: Three votes for the first two hundred members or fraction thereof, and one additional vote for each additional one hundred members or fraction thereof, and no local shall have more than ten votes. Votes shall be based on an average monthly membership, to be figured and allotted on April first each year. In case of a roll call vote each union shall be entitled to its full number of votes regardless of the number of its delegates present at the meeting.

The Bartenders reported three new members and that they had reached an agreement with their employers April 30, this agreement to be effective the next day.

The Laborers reported that they have asked for an increase in pay but have not yet reached an agreement with their employers.

The Painters reported that their new wage rate is $10.50 for a seven hour day instead of $10 as previously reported in the minutes of the Council.

The Butchers have organized the Fish Butchers of Monterey and are this evening initiating 14 or 15 new members.

The Musicians reported that they have been studying the question of group insurance.

There was some discussion regarding emergency aid here on the Monterey Peninsula for people who have no money. The secretary was instructed to write to the County Health Office regarding this matter.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS, Secty.

Monterey County is asked to raise $18,000 in the new USO Drive. The County Committee has asked me to present the matter to the UNIONS. Will you give this your immediate and energetic attention so that organized labor shall do its full share in this project. Have your local make a contribution and also urge members as individuals to contribute what they can. Any contributions sent to me will be recorded to the credit of organized labor and forwarded to the county committee.

WAYNE EDWARDS, Secty.,
823 Johnson Ave., Monterey.

Long Beach China Restaurant Union

Long Beach, California.

Joining the ranks of union restaurants last week, the Chung King Restaurant, 1643 East Anaheim street, has the distinction of being the first American-Chinese establishment in the Long Beach area to sign a union agreement with the union.

The new union house is being operated by Lou Waigon and Chew Tue Gim, two popular members of Culinary Alliance 681.

The grave danger which our country faces should act as an incentive and not as a deterrent to Labor.

McNutt Lashes Press Libels Against Labor

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Many administration officials have denounced politicians and propagandists who have been smearing labor, but one of the most forceful attacks upon them was delivered here last week by Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator.

McNutt was chief speaker at a great labor "Victory Rally" recently sponsored by AFL and CIO unions.

The meeting was hailed by McNutt as "magnificent testimony to the fact that American labor is united in the face of national danger" and as showing "statesmanship of a high order."

Then the Federal Security administrator lashed at those "few members of Congress" and at press and radio propagandists who have been trying to "carry on a war against labor, against half the American people, against the half upon whose unremitting toil depends the flow of weapons and supplies, so desperately needed for victory."

GRINDING THE WRONG AX

"These men are more interested in grinding the ax of their hostility to labor than in sharpening the weapons to defeat the Axis," he said.

No element of the population, he declared, has made greater sacrifices than labor. It has voluntarily laid aside its strongest weapon, the right to strike—a right described by the late Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court as "democracy's safety valve," McNutt declared.

"The loyalty and patriotism of the American workman are beyond all doubt," he said. "Yet, while the workers are loyally pulling their weight in the war effort, we are faced with a steady stream of libels against labor in the press and Congress."

McNutt branded as "disgusting lies" the widely circulated claims that strikes are impeding production; that labor is refusing to work more than a 40-hour week, or that wage increases are causing "inflation."

LABOR LOYALLY REDEEMING PLEDGES

He pointed out that labor is redeeming its no-strike pledge almost 100 per cent; that employes in war plants are working an average of over 50 hours a week, and that wage raises are not a cause of inflation.

"Some of those who are behind the attack on the 40-hour week hope to deprive workers of part of their pay," McNutt charged. "Also, they try to use the fear of inflation as a weapon to beat down wages upon which workers and their families depend for a living."

Rival Unions In Joint Effort To Aid War Cause

Chicago, Illinois.

Five hundred members of Federal, Local 22,604, AFL, employed at the International Harvester Company's McCormick plant in Chicago, recently voluntarily transferred their membership to a local of the Farm Equipment Organizing Committee, CIO. The AFL members, mostly employed in the foundry, voted to transfer after a week of negotiations between the two locals. Prior to this transfer the CIO local had about 5000 members at the plant.

A few weeks previous a similar transference of membership occurred when members of the United Cannery Workers, CIO, joined the AFL Teamsters. The UCAPAWA withdrew from organizing dairy workers in the Chicago area, since the Teamsters Union already had organized the majority of workers in the industry.

LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A barber named Archibald Weedum
Said—"Here, Uncle Sam, if you need
Are all of my savings
From hair cuts and shavings
I'm buying Bonds and Stamps for freedom."

Trim a few dollars off increased earnings to help your country. Buy a U. S. Savings Bond every pay day.

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS
(Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employes No. 483)

Monterey, California.

DID YOU KNOW—

That bartenders are being asked to save their beer caps now?

* * *

That the tin in beer caps is badly needed by war industry and so a lesser amount of tin will be available for capping bottles?

* * *

That beer distributors will gladly call at bars to pick up beer caps saved by bartenders? (And these same beer distributors are urging that you buy larger bottler of beer, quart sizes, to save caps.)

* * *

That a dishwasher here once is now ferrying bombers to war zones? He is Jim Loving, who entered the Air Corps some time ago.

* * *

That our business agent left on an unexpected trip, and sudden, last Friday to San Francisco.

* * *

That Local 483 is all ready to distribute its new contracts to various bars and restaurants for individual signing, since the association has agreed to all points at issue?

* * *

That we have had many calls to the office in regard to the new wage scales and classifications?

* * *

That most every member already is getting the new scale?

* * *

That Nellie White has been very ill, and that Pearl Bennett has been working for her at the hotel when need arises?

* * *

That it's like returning home after a long vacation for Pearl to work at the hotel again?

* * *

That this is enough for now, but we'll have more next week—and that if you don't get your paper, to let Secretary Pearl know?

—THE MOON MAN.

Trainmen Back Olson For 2nd Term For Gov.

San Francisco, California.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in California has endorsed Governor Culbert L. Olson for re-election, it is announced by Harry See, State Representative of the organization.

The poll of the Legislative Committee of the Brotherhood, which governs endorsements, showed every vote cast in favor of the Governor's re-election, See declared.

BASED ON HIS RECORD

"This endorsement was based upon Governor Olson's record in the State Senate and as Governor during the past four years," See said.

"In addition, it would be courting disaster to change chief executive of this target state in this period of grave war emergency. Governor Olson has clearly demonstrated an unusual ability to meet and deal with the mighty problems caused by this emergency in a fearless, expeditious and nonpartisan manner."

HAVE 10,000 MEMBERS

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which is the largest of the operating brotherhoods and one of the largest of the twenty railroad labor organizations, has a membership of approximately ten thousand in California, with some six thousand additional enrolled in the Ladies' Auxiliary, See declared.

Why All This Bother About 40-Hour Week? Ain't No Sich Thing

There is no longer a 40-hour week in American war industries.

Working men and women are putting in from 48 to 60 hours a week in every war factory that has the materials and orders.

Many of the factories are operating 100 to 168 hours a week by using multiple shifts.

Labor is all for that! We will not be satisfied until every war factory in America is producing the full limit, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How can that be done? Labor showed the government and industry the way in the West Coast shipyards. The plan was worked out by the metal trades unions last January. It is now in operation. There are three shifts a day. The men work eight hours a day each for six days — that's 48 hours a week. They stagger their days off. Production in the shipyards is thereby kept going continuously.

We want to do that everywhere because maximum production means we can crush the enemy sooner. That's what labor is for!

Then why are the Sixth Columnists pressing for abolition of the 40-hour week? Because such action would throw our production machinery out of gear. Because it would wipe out overtime pay which workers must depend on now to meet higher living costs. Because it would eliminate the incentive to greater production that overtime pay affords.

MINUTES
Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by Past President Wm. Dickerson at 8:15 p.m. on May 7th.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Credentials: None.

Correspondence: Received a copy of the minutes of the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara County.

Received the weekly news letter from the Calif. State Federation of Labor.

Received a report of Senator Kenny and Phillips challenge to Labor and the reply by the State Federation of Labor.

Received a letter from the State B. & C .T. C. giving their recommendation for dealing with the banks charge of fifty cents (.50c) to all accounts of less than $500 and 4c per ledger entry according to schedule.

Received a copy of a paper published by the B. & C. T. C. of Cleveland, Ohio.

Business Manager's Report: Bro. Ward reports that there is not much if any new work, the jobs in progress are moving along in good shape. There is some additional remodel work on Cannery row. There is to be some work in the East Garrison of Fort Ord.

By motion the report was accepted.

Reports of Unions: Bro. Webster, Carpenters No. 1323, small meeting and the question of increasing the per capita to the Council will be taken up at the next meeting.

Bro. Ferguson, Hodcarriers 690, good meeting, discussed two letters sent to the local by the Council; initiated one new member.

Bro. Bennet, Plasterers 337, good meeting, the delegates to the Council were instructed to oppose any rise in the Council per capita.

Bro. Lehr, Roofers 50, good meeting, changed their meetings to one meeting a month, and voted to oppose the raise in per capita to the Council.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Council: Several minutes of discussion on the Bank tax charged against each deposition with an account of less than $500.00

The financial secretary read his weekly report which was accepted.

No further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

L. T. LONG, Secty.

ALONG CANNERY ROW
(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

Monterey, California.

Charles Carpenter, who is a carpenter at San Xavier, was injured in a fall last week.

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Brother Dameron has returned from his vacation by the looks of him—he must have had lots of fun.

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Bro. Tom Baxter passed away Sunday, May 3. He was ill for only a few minutes. His death comes as a great shock to his many friends. Brother Baxter was employed at Carmel Canning Co. His wife and several children survive.

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Del Mar Cannery's new warehouse would make a fine air raid shelter—if they keep digging deeper for foundation.

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The fishermen have been trying but they weren't able to find any sardines last week. We hope the fish return from vacations soon, so we can get to work on them. (P. S.: The fishermen got a few tons over the weekend and packing started again—at Hovden's).

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In spite of all the rumors that Del Mar and Sea Pride plants are going to start packing on fancy packs, we have been unable to confirm any of them so we just doubt the stories and let it go at that.

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We hear a certain machine shop owner in this town, on the unfair list, has found it impossible to get any work for the canneries mainly because our business agent always keeps a watch for such things and our members report to him every time they see anyone along the Row who shouldn't be there.

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Bro. Harold Beckness was elected our sergeant at arms at our last union meeting.

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Bro. Clarence Dunston's birthday was Saturday, May 9 — gee, what a Mother's Day present!

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Morgan King is taking his vacation from May 11 to 23.

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Here's a shock: Neva Davis, our recording and office secretary, turned in her resignation at the regular meeting. She leaves us on May 23. We are all very sorry to see her leave, because her friendship and acquaintance has been most enjoyable, and she never falters in her unswerving devotion in fulfilling her duties as an officer and member of our union.

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And the can is closing for now.

—THE CAN OPENER.

TIME-TRIED REFUGE

For safety in air raids, a civilian defense body suggests crawling under the grand piano, where one used to meet some of our best people in the dear, dry days.—From the Detroit News.

In Union Circles

(Continued from Page 1)

A committee of painters and laborers were to meet this week to solve a problem affecting both crafts.

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Tom Mears was seen bringing roses for the Plumbers Union office and Lou Jenkins, business agent—which prompts Frank Ball to ask: "What goes on?"

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Donna Spicer and Frank Ball have a new joke all their own about a "romping colt"—you ask them.

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John Dix won the labor council's weekly gift last week.

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Secretary Kenyon of the labor council points with pride to the increasing attendance at labor council — more unions represented —and urges that bartenders, musicians, bakers, butchers, plumbers, roofers and others get delegates to important election-year meetings.

Retail and service establishments are generally exempt from the Federal Wage and Hour Law. Typical service establishments, according to the Wage and Hour Division, are restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, home laundries, barber shops, beauty parlors, funeral homes, shoe repair shops, and garages.

Steel Workers Urging Unionist to Preserve All the Old Tin Cans

Los Angeles, California.

Save your tin cans! The Continental Can Co., through SWOC Local 1502, is asking that Los Angeles housewives save their tin cans and bring them to the plant at 3821 Union Pacific Ave., where they will be converted to tin for war use. The company will donate profits made to the Red Cross.

Malloy, local union delegate to the Los Anegles CIO Council, announced:

"Tin cans tossed in garbage cans and later salvaged, cannot be used for the tin which is so vitally needed to fill Army and civilian needs.

"They must be washed, the tops and bottoms removed and the can pressed flat. The thousands of cans used each day in Los Angeles if recovered, would do much to alleviate the shortage of tin."

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